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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 27, 2003, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I (claims 1-8, 17-22). Applicant asks that the Examiner reconsider the restriction, especially with respect to Group II (claims 9-15). Both Groups are drawn to an NMR method of identifying a binding site, classified in class 324, subclass 307. Although the Group I claims do not require obtaining a quantum correlation spectrum as required by the Group II claims, they do not exclude it.

Applicant submits that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner. Applicant's Representatives reserve the right to pursue examination of the non-elected claims in continuation or divisional applications.

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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